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SUBJECT: 34TH SESSION UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: CHILE

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- 1. I CALLED ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VALDES AT HIS REQUEST ON FEBRUARY 21 AT 5:00 P.M. (LOCAL TIME).
- 2. REFERRING TO YESTERDAY'S LENGTHY CONVERSATION, VALDES SAID THAT HE WANTED TO READ TO ME THE REPORTING TELEGRAMS RECEIVED DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS FROM AMBASSADORS DIEZ AND TRUCCO BECAUSE THE INFORMATION FORWARDED BY THEM SEEMED TO BE QUITE AT ODDS WITH THE USG UNDERSTANDING OF THE STATE OF PLAY.
- 3. AFTER READING THE TELEGRAMS HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS OF THE SAME CONVERSATIONS AND TO CLARIFY THIS MATTER, GOC HAD DECIDED TO GIVE ME A NOTE OUTLINING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT AMBASSADOR CONFIDENTIAL

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MEZVINSKY HAD PROPOSED.

4. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF THE NOTE:

QUOTE.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS PRESENTS IT COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE DEPUTY MINISTER AND THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT PRESIDENT PINOCHET CONTINUES WILLING TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR MEZVINSKY, ACCEDING TO THE SUGGESTION OF THE LATTER IN THIS RESPECT, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS IN THE MOST COMPLETE MANNER THE FOLLOWING POINTS PROPOSED BY AMBASSADOR MEZVINSKY:

- (A) THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO CHILE BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, THE DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINES OF CONFIDENTIALITY, PRIVACY AND THE ABSENCE OF ANY DECLARATION OR ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS;
- (B) THE DISSOLUTION OF THE WORKING GROUP AND CONSEQUENT END TO THE TREATMENT OF THE SITUATION IN CHILE AS A SPECIAL CASE, ONCE THE AFOREMENTIONED VISIT HAS TAKEN PLACE AND ITS REPORT ISSUED:
- (C) THE HALTING, UNTIL THEY CAN BE ABANDONED, OF THE STEPS FOR THE CREATION OF A SO-CALLED "TRUST FUND" AND OF THE STUDY ON THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES THAT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO CHILE HAS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;

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(D) THE APPROVAL BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN ITS CURRENT SESSION OF A BALANCED RESOLUTION THAT CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OBJECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP UNTIL THE END OF ITS MANDATE.

END QUOTE.

5. COMMENT. IT SEEMS CLEAR TO ME THAT AMBASSADORS DIEZ AND TRUCCO MISREPRESENTED AMBASSADOR MEZVINSKY'S STATEMENTS AND IN ORDER TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT MADE IT APPEAR THAT MEZVINSKY REQUESTED VISIT TO SANTIAGO TO DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET POSSIBILITY OF REACHING GROUND RULES FOR VISIT BY MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP. OBVIOUSLY THE POINTS IN THE NOTE ABOVE REPRESENT THE GOC NEGOTIATING POSITION AND NOT ANY SUBSTANTIVE OFFER MADE BY AMBASSADOR MEZVINSKY. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I BELIEVE IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES FOR THE GOC TO PURSUE DIRECTLY WITH THE WG THE GROUND RULES. WITHOUT GETTING OVERLY INVOLVED WE SHOULD CONTINUE IN GENEVA AND HERE TO URGE ACCOMMODATIONS BY BOTH SIDES.

6. VALDES INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD JUST HEARD THAT HRC REFUSED TO POSTPONE THURSDAY MEETING AND, AS HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ARRIVE IN TIME, WILL NOT ATTEND. HE WAS AWARE THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD NOT BE CIRCULATED UNTIL MONDAY, BUT SAID THAT HE HAD TO CHAIR CHIEF OF MISSION MEETING IN SANTIAGO STARTING FEBRUARY 27.

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